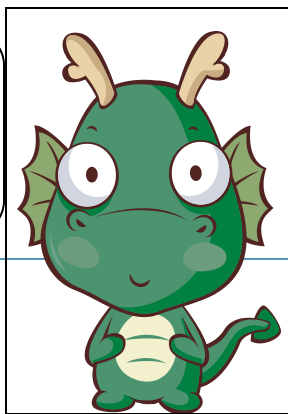




# DRAGONS' INFORMATION STATION



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Meadow Lane Elementary School

2019-2020 School Year

Hello military families! My name is Joyce Nyirenda and I am the Child and Youth Behavioral - Military and Family Life Counselor (CYB-MFLC)

As your child's Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC), I am available to provide free confidential services to military connected students. We provide non-medical individual and group counseling, as in:

- We do not diagnose your child with a Mental Health Condition.
- Our services can cover everything from being a new student and getting acclimated to the school, dealing with parents deploying, getting PCS Orders to move away from friends and starting over again, navigating social relationships, improving time management and study skills, as well as, stress management and much more.
- The services are confidential, and no documentation of the sessions are recorded. Exceptions include: harm to self, harm to others, and physical abuse.

I am at Meadow Lane each day, Monday—Friday, and I can be reached by phone at (919) 440-1449.

## TITLE ONE



Welcome back! The Title One Staff is excited to be back and is looking forward to working with all of the students here at Meadow Lane.

For the 2019-2020 school

year, MLE will have the following Title One Team: Mrs. Ann Hetrick, Mrs. Gail Pittman and Mrs. Bonnie Bucher. Mrs. Ann Hetrick will serve as the Parent Engagement Coordinator.

We want to remind you that our Title One Program is "whole school."

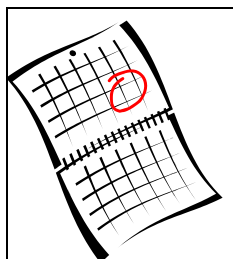
Being whole school allows us to implement a school wide program to upgrade the entire educational program of the school. All students are eligible to participate in all aspects of the program.

## Welcome Back to School!

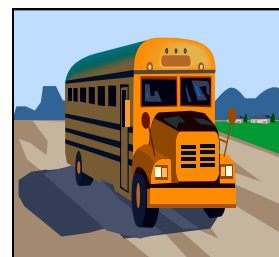
We are pleased to announce the we will soon be holding a grand opening of our Parent Resource Center:

**In**  
MLE's Media Center  
Date and Time to be announced

### DATES TO REMEMBER:



September 26	Picture Day
September 27	Spirit Wear Orders Due
October 8	MLE Science Night in Cafeteria-6:30
October 17	RTA Parent Workshop @ 6:00PM
October 18	Early Dismissal-1:30
October 25	End of 1st Grading Period
October 28	Teacher Workday-No School
November 1	Report Card Distribution
November 11	Holiday-No School
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break





# Welcome to all of our preschool friends!

## We are glad you are here!



### Kindergarten



Our year is off to a great start in kindergarten. Our classes are working hard to learn new routines and make new friends.

Please make sure you have signed up for Class Dojo. This will help you be aware of classroom expectations and your child's behavior.

Students are learning to be independent and responsible for morning routines. Please help at home by talking about your child's day. Check Class Dojo together and talk about what went well and maybe what wasn't so great.

In the next few weeks, we will be learning about colors, color words, recognizing and writing our alphabet correctly, and sight words. We will be learning about sorting and numbers in math. Be sure to review your child's folder and work each day. This will help keep you informed of things that are going on in our class.

We are looking forward to our first field trip to the Wayne County Agricultural Fair on Monday, September 30th.

We enjoyed all of the animals and exhibits! We look forward to a great year with our students!

### FIRST GRADE



We are off to a great start this school year! Right now we are working on building routines and learning procedures in the classroom and around the school. In reading, we are discussing story elements and building our independent reading stamina. We are learning about vowels, consonants, and short vowel word families. In math, we are reviewing numbers and how to represent them in different ways. Please make sure to check your child's daily folder for any information from the school. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

## SECOND GRADE



What an AMAZING way to start our year off in a brand new school! We are off to a great start in 2nd grade! The students will be completing their beginning of the year assessments over the next few weeks. Please make sure they are well rested and eat breakfast (at home or at school) every day so they are prepared. We want to make sure we have an accurate measure on how to best meet your child's needs this semester.



In reading, we will be making connections and reviewing story elements (characters, setting, problem/solution, retelling, etc). We will be working on compound words, writing correct sentences, and reviewing what nouns, adjectives and verbs are. In math, we will be practicing our addition and subtraction skills, skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s, and learning about what makes numbers even or odd. In science, we will be learning all about the patterns of weather. In social studies, we are learning about what makes great citizens, and who makes up our community.

We have planned a fall field trip to Ellis Planetarium in Kinston, NC. Please be on the lookout for information about our class t-shirt orders.

Please make sure to connect to Dojo for immediate feedback from teachers and to see how your child is doing. We look forward to a successful year in second!

## THIRD GRADE



Changes...so many glorious changes have occurred for the 2019-2020 school year! After much anticipation, we are in our beautiful new state-of-the-art building. We are also all under one roof - both Meadow Land and the Community Developmental School. It's a joy to be together. These are such positive changes.

Conversely, some things have remained the same. The heart of our school, in particular the heart of the third grade team is the same. We continue to want the very best for our students.

It seems third graders are extra excited to learn this year. They arrived with a positive attitude and a "get to work" mentality. We are already getting to work. In the coming weeks, students will be learning the following: multiplication facts, place value, landforms and main idea. Parents, please work with your child each night on multiplication facts, reviewing homework, and discussing what they are reading.

We want this to be the best year ever for your children. Together, we can make that happen. We can use the changes to set your children up for future success. And since the heart of the third grade team is still the same, know that we are here to help the students and you in any way possible.

We look forward to a successful year!

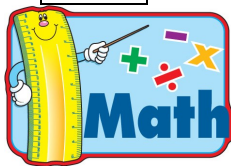




# Fourth Grade



*\*Be Caring, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible \**



Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year...  
Ready to Work, Ready to Learn in Fourth Grade!

Welcome to fourth grade and to another exciting school year at Meadow Lane Elementary! We are thrilled to be working with you and your child.



Meet our Fourth Grade Team:

Mrs. Toni McCance [tonimccance@wcps.org](mailto:tonimccance@wcps.org)  
Mrs. Meko Artis [mekoartis@wcps.org](mailto:mekoartis@wcps.org)  
Mrs. Barri-Ann Wiggins [barriannwiggins@wcps.org](mailto:barriannwiggins@wcps.org)  
Ms. Emily West [emilywest@wcps.org](mailto:emilywest@wcps.org)  
Mrs. Gail Pittman [gailpittman@wcps.org](mailto:gailpittman@wcps.org)  
Mrs. Ann Hetrick [antoinettehetrick@wcps.org](mailto:antoinettehetrick@wcps.org)

Thank you for making the first few weeks of school a smooth transition for our students. We greatly appreciate the classroom donations, supplies, and your support. This year, we look forward to working together to instill in each child a sense of responsibility, confidence, motivation, independence and a love for learning. As partners in education, we encourage open communication between school and home.

We ask that you guide and support your child by ensuring he/she:

- ◆ Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day
- ◆ Completes all homework and assignments and uses the agenda book
- ◆ Reads daily to develop a love of reading
- ◆ Shares school experiences with you
- ◆ Follows all school and classroom rules
- ◆ Practices skills at home, reviews work, participates in learning games that are computer based and available for check-out school
- ◆ Knows that success in school is built upon making good choices daily

Our expectations for a successful year in fourth grade include the following:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Caring

## MULTI AGE



What a HISTORY-MAKING month! Our students were the first class in our brand new building! HOW EXCITING! The multi-age children were the first children to perform on our new stage in our gym as well! All Multiage children were given the chance to sing at our first PTA Meeting September 10th. We were excited for those who participated. We sang a few back-to-school selections and a patriotic piece as well.

As we begin our new year, we are completing assessments to know how to meet the needs of your child. Please help us by making sure your child is well rested and has a great breakfast. We will not start reading groups until we have all the data. We are doing book studies to identify fictional story elements as well as comparing and contrasting books by the same author. Mo Willems has been our first study and the children love the Pigeon who always tries to persuade the reader to his ideas. ALL students are expected to read nightly with a parent for maximum growth each year. Students in kindergarten and first grade are to write the title, author and date of the books read for the PTA Reading Incentive Program. 2nd graders are expected to read an AR Book and test in the classroom. A good goal for second graders is at least 2 books a week.

We are working on graphing skills in our math lessons. Students are graphing get-to-know you topics as well as graphs to accompany our book study. Our graphs help students assess and discuss what we learn from the data. We are learning calendar routines as well as practicing rote skills such as counting, days of the week and months of the year.

Our classes are looking forward to a fall field trip to the Simply Natural Creamery in Ayden North Carolina. We are hoping to have most of this trip paid for by our DODEA grant. We will send permission forms and details very soon. PLEASE remember to check folders nightly as well as CLASS DOJO for messages about all upcoming events!

We look forward to working together to build our community of learners... and WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. Please read daily, check your child's folder, keep in touch with the teacher on CLASS DOJO with any questions or concerns and keep encouraging outstanding conduct! Thank you for trusting us to teach your child!



Welcome back to school! This has been an exciting start to a new era at Meadow Lane. Our new building will be a breeding ground for new activities, new friendships, and new skills. I would like to welcome our new coworkers and students from the Edgewood Community Developmental School to our campus. The transition has been smooth and we are glad to have them all as part of our Meadow Lane family. It is a fresh start for everyone and we are all determined to make this one of the best years ever for our students.

Students were introduced to the role of the school counselor during the first couple of weeks of school. Please ask your child to tell you a few things about my job and how I can help them at school.

I am available to work individually with students upon request of teachers, administration, parents, or the student to help with educational, personal, or social concerns. Appointments with the counselor are scheduled at a time that is least disruptive to the student's schedule.

Sometimes students who have similar concerns are selected to participate in small groups which enable them to support one another and learn skills to help deal with a specific problem or concern. Counseling groups consist of 3-8 children and meet approximately 30-45 minutes for 4-6 sessions. You will be notified if your child is selected to participate in a group this year.

Classroom guidance lessons will be conducted with all classes throughout the year with a focus on character education. Teachers may also request more individualized topics that address specific needs for her classroom.

Helping students in their educational development requires the combined efforts of parents, teachers, counselors, and other concerned professionals. If you would like to have a conference about your child, please call me at the school or email me at [michellegurley1@wcps.org](mailto:michellegurley1@wcps.org). I look forward to working with you to help make this a successful year for your child.



## ***Presenting MLE's Dynamite Dragons***



### **September Dynamite Dragons:**

- K – Gemma Taylor – Langston
- 1 – Keegan Sasser – Jensen
- 1 – Jesseca Cutler – Lee
- 1 – Ali'yah Burden – Metcalf
- 1 – Traevon Webb – Vaughn
- 2 – Jayce Powell – Kearney
- 2 – Kaden Holderman – Heim
- 4 – Jade Thompson – McCance
- 4 – Calleigh Parrish – West
- 4 – Aniya West – Artis







# Health Page

By:  
Nurse Ginny



September and October are very busy months for student health. Mass Vision Screens are conducted for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. If your student receives a referral for vision care, please have the provider complete the bottom section of the referral once care has been received and return this form back to the School Health Nurse.

Dental screening for Kindergarten is scheduled for this fall. This is a great time for students to participate and learn about dental health.

Please continue to incorporate "Healthy Habits" into daily living. With the change of seasons brings the opportunity to engage in new perspective and make simple changes towards "Healthy Choices."

We will be moving forward into what is known as the Cold/Flu season. One key component to reducing your risk of either virus is: WASH your Hands, WASH your Hands!

Both cold and flu viruses spread from person to person. This means that getting either a cold or the flu may be prevented by washing your hands often and avoiding close contact with anyone with a cold or the flu. If you are infected with the cold or flu virus, get plenty of rest to help fight the infection. Drinking lots of fluids is also important to stay hydrated and loosen mucus.

**FACT: Antibiotics treat bacteria, not viruses. Since both the common cold and influenza are viral infections, antibiotics will not help.**

**This chart features some tips to help you differentiate between the symptoms of influenza and the common cold.**



Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Fever	Usually present	Rare
Aches	Usual, often severe	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Tiredness	Moderate to severe	Mild
Symptom onset	Appear within 3 to 6 hours	Symptoms appear gradually
Coughing	Dry, unproductive cough	Hacking, productive cough
Sneezing	Uncommon	Common
Stuffy nose	Uncommon	Common
Sore throat	Uncommon	Common
Chest discomfort	Often severe	Mild to moderate
Headache	Common	Uncommon



## Physical Education Corner

Featuring: Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Kornegay & Ms. Rose  
*Physical Education Instructors*



Welcome to MLE PE from Mrs. Kornegay, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Volk. Mr. Stanley will return to our program in a few months but until then we welcome Mrs. Volk as his sub. We miss you, Mr. Stanley and can't wait until you return!

We are excited to see old and new faces among us. Our new gym and facilities are delightfully clean, shiny and new. We are hoping to get the rock wall installed soon so that we can begin using it.

Just a few quick reminders-

Please wear athletic shoes on flight days for PE. It helps keep your child safe while being active. If a student is not wearing athletic shoes for PE, they will be required to sit out for that class.

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles on PE days for use in PE. We are very active and get very thirsty.

If your child has any health concerns, either temporary or permanent, please contact us through Dojo or email so that we can be aware of any changing needs.

We are fortunate enough to be able to teach every Meadow Lane student. That means we have almost 650 students. If you are looking for a way to help our program, we are always in need of antibacterial wipes like Clorox wipes, paper towels, tissue and Ziploc bags. We are also in need of POOL NOODLES! We can do a variety of activities with them so if you see them on sale, please think of us!



## Art Corner

With Mrs. Thompson



"Art to Remember" Art Room Fundraiser artwork is happening in the ART ROOM. This fundraiser helps buy consumables for the ART ROOM such as: extra watercolor paper, all types of paints, markers etc. It has also helped buy art equipment, clay, and glazes for clay. PLEASE help support this by buying products and keepsakes (ornaments also) that have YOUR child's artwork on it. The products from this company are top quality and make excellent keepsakes and Christmas presents for grandparents and extended family. \*\*\* YES, products are back in time for gift giving!!! We have been working on art for this and most classes are finished. I will send out a DOJO when the Special Form/Brochure with your child's artwork printed on it will be sent home. I am in the process of tagging all artwork with names to send back to the company to print the brochures.

We can always use hand soap, paper towels, gallon bags, YARN!!!, buttons and wipes if you would like to donate - just mark it "For the Art Room" and send it in! Thanks so very much to all the parents and kiddos who donated baby wipes!!!! You guys are awesome!!!!

If you go on nature hikes I can use some small to medium (no longer than your arm from the elbow to you fingertips) "Y" shaped twigs....I would love to do a weaving project and use this as the LOOM.....I will be on the lookout for them also.

Thanks again and WELCOME to an exciting year in the NEW ART ROOM!



# Music Corner



By: Mrs. Marriner

Welcome back to a new school year, and welcome to our beautiful new campus. We are looking forward to a great year at Meadow Lane in the Music room! Students are doing a great job getting into the swing of things on "Flight Day."

Thank you and congratulations to our Multiage students and staff who performed three songs at our first PTA meeting on Tuesday evening, September 10. We are very proud of all of you!

Students are beginning each day, at Meadow Lane, with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and our Meadow Lane Mission Statement song, as well as the speaking of the Pledge of Allegiance over the intercom. What a great way to start the day at Meadow Lane! Our goal is to have as many students as possible perform over the intercom beginning with our fourth graders. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to be our first performers in our new school: Brianna Austin, Avah Burden, Ma'Leyah Cox, Tianna Leftdwrige, Tabrisha Mathis, Max Meyer, Emily Olson, Alondra Ruiz, and Jade Thompson. These fabulous fourth grade students are from Mrs. McCance's class. Way to shine!

Looking ahead...

The Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair Talent Contest will be held on Wednesday, October 2, in the Entertainment Arena at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Kindergarten through second grade will perform beginning at 4:30 p.m. and Grades 3-5 will begin at 7:00 p.m. Auditions for this contest were held in the Music Room on Wednesday afternoon, September 18th, for Meadow Lane students who wanted to participate.

Winners were announced over the intercom. Parents of winners were contacted as well. We heard some amazing talent!

The Wayne County Choral Showcase Concert will be held in the Goldsboro High School auditorium on November 19, 20, and 21 at 6:00 p.m. each night. Performances from each of our elementary, middle, and high schools will be presented. Meadow Lane will be

performing on Tuesday evening, November 19. More information will be forthcoming about this county wide event.

Pressing on to create lifelong musicians..... Mrs. Marriner



## Positive Behavior Intervention Support

2019-2020



### MEADOW LANE ELEMENTARY FOLLOWS THE FOUR BE'S

- ♦ BE RESPONSIBLE
- ♦ BE RESPECTFUL
- ♦ BE CARING
- ♦ BE SAFE

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## *Presenting MLE's Dynamite Dragons*



Dynamite Dragons is a monthly student recognition program sponsored by the counselor. This year, students will be nominated for the following character traits each month:

**September: Self-Discipline** – Demonstrating hard work and controlling your emotions, words, actions, behaviors, and desires.

**October: Responsibility** – Doing what you are supposed to do. Being dependable in carrying out tasks. Being accountable for your choices.

**November: Kindness** – Being considerate, courteous, helpful, and understanding of others. Showing care, compassion, friendship, and generosity. Expressing gratitude, forgiving others, and helping those in need.

**December: Citizenship** – Doing your share to make your school and community a better place. Cooperating, obeying laws and rules, respecting authority, and protecting the environment.

**January: Good Judgment** – Choosing worthy goals, setting proper priorities, thinking through actions, and making right choices. Basing decisions on wisdom and good sense.

**February: Respect** – Showing respect for authority, other people, and property. Following the Golden Rule, being tolerant of differences, using good manners, being considerate of the feelings of others, and dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.

**March: Integrity** – Being truthful, trustworthy, and honest in word and deed. Doing the right thing even when others are not around. Keeping your promises.

**April: Courage** – Doing the right thing in the face of difficulty and following your conscience instead of the crowd. Being willing to attempt difficult tasks. Participating in class discussion. Standing up to bullies.

**May: Perseverance** – Keeping on in spite of difficulty. Having the courage to try again. Exhibiting patience.

Each classroom teacher may nominate one student from her class each month. A committee then reads over each nomination and selects ten students to be Dynamite Dragons. Winners are announced over the intercom during the morning announcements. Other recognitions include: a classroom presentation by the counselor, award certificate, wristband, profile on bulletin board in front lobby, and a pizza party sponsored by Pizza Inn.

Thank you for encouraging your child to exhibit good character at Meadow Lane each and every day!



# From The Desk of Mrs. Latosha Cox School Social Worker

Hello. My name is LaTosha Cox and I am the school social worker for Meadow Lane Elementary and Greenwood Middle Schools. Class attendance and participation are critical elements of the educational process and may be taken into account in assessing academic achievement. Students are expected to be at school on time and to be present at the scheduled starting time for each class. We encourage all of our Meadow Lane Elementary families to make attendance a number one priority during the 2019-2020 school year.

The attendance policy is as follows:

## **Policy Code: 4400 Attendance**

Attendance in school and participation in class are an integral part of academic achievement and the teaching-learning process. Through regular attendance, students develop patterns of behavior essential to professional and personal success in life. Regular attendance by every student is mandatory: the State of North Carolina requires that every child in the State between the ages of 7 (or younger if enrolled) and 16 years attend school. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for ensuring that students attend and remain at school daily. Wayne County Public Schools are required by state law to notify parents/guardians when the student has reached (3), (6), and (10) unexcused absences. After 10 unexcused absences in a school year, the parents/guardians are subject to prosecution under the Compulsory Attendance Law. Failure of a parent/guardian to adhere to the law is in violation of the above statute. Parents may be prosecuted under the Compulsory Attendance Law if these absences cannot be justified under the established attendance policies of the local school board. Parents/guardians who are found guilty of not abiding by this law may be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court.

Please note the following regulations:

Parents/guardians are required by Wayne County Board Policy to submit a note signed by the parent/guardian stating the reason for all absences.

All absences are considered unexcused if a note is not presented to the school within **3** days of the student's return to school.

Principals may require certification from a physician or the health department to verify absences for illnesses.

### **A. ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

School officials will keep accurate record of attendance, including accurate attendance records in each class. Attendance records will be used to enforce the Compulsory Attendance Law of North Carolina.

### **B. EXCUSED ABSENCES**

When a student must miss school, a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian must be presented to the student's teacher on the day the student returns after an absence. An absence may be excused for any of the following reasons:

1. Personal illness or injury that makes the student physically unable to attend school;
2. Isolation ordered by the State Board of Health;
3. Death in the immediate family;
4. Medical or dental appointment;
5. Participation under subpoena as a witness in a court proceeding;
6. A minimum of two days each academic year for observance of an event required or suggested by the religion of the student or the student's parent. The student will have the opportunity to make up any tests or other work missed due to the excused absence for a religious observance;
7. Participation in a valid educational opportunity, such as travel or service as a legislative or Governor's page, with prior approval by the principal;
8. Visitation with student's parent or legal guardian, at the discretion of the superintendent or designee, if the parent or legal guardian (a) is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined by policy [4050](#), Children of Military Families, and (b) has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.

The principal shall notify parents and take all other steps required by [G.S. 115C-378](#) for excessive absences. Students may be suspended for up to two days for truancy. (see [AR 4400](#)).

If a student is absent from school for five or more days in a semester, the principal or a committee established by the principal shall consider whether the student's grades should be reduced because of the absences. The principal or committee shall review other measures of academic achievement, the circumstances of the absences, the number of absences, and the extent to which the student completed missed work. A committee may recommend to the principal and the principal may make any of the following determinations.

1. the student will not receive a passing grade for the semester;
2. the student's grade will be reduced;
3. the student will receive the grade otherwise earned; or
4. the student will be given additional time to complete the missed work before a determination of the appropriate grade is made.

Students with excused absences due to documented chronic health problems are exempt from this post. In addition, for students experiencing homelessness (see board policy [4125](#), Homeless Students), school officials must consider issues related to the student's homelessness, such as a change of caregivers or nighttime residence, before taking disciplinary action or imposing other barriers to school attendance based on excessive absences or tardies.

Excessive absences may impact eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics. See policy [3620](#), Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations.

Thank you all for all that you do in supporting our students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 919-223-4173.